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**THIRD ORDER  
RELATED TO COVID-19 ELECTRICITY RELIEF PROGRAM**

On March 13, 2020, in response to the growing threat of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19), Governor Greg Abbott issued a Declaration of State of Disaster for all counties in Texas. In each subsequent month, and most recently on July 10, 2020, Governor Abbott has renewed the disaster declaration for all Texas counties.

On March 26, 2020, the Commission issued an order addressing the effects of COVID-19 for electric services provided in the areas of the state of Texas that are open to customer choice and established the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program. On April 17, 2020, the Commission issued a second order addressing this subject, finding that the need for the Program continued to exist and making clarifying modifications to the Program. Among the modifications, the order stated that the Program would end on July 17, 2020, unless extended by the Commission.

Through this Order, the Commission extends the Program until August 31, 2020. The COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program as attached to the previous order filed on April 17, 2020 is adopted and incorporated into and made a part of this order. The Commission issues this Order under its statutory authority to regulate public utilities, to regulate the provision of wholesale and retail electric service, to provide protections to retail customers of electric service, and to oversee the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, Inc. (ERCOT) as the independent organization.

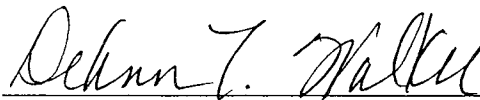
Each transmission and distribution utility (TDU) in the ERCOT region has already filed a tariff rider to implement the terms of the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program. The terms *transmission and distribution utility* and *TDU* in this Order or in the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program does not include a river authority. ERCOT has already provided the initial contribution to the TDUs for the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program.

Consistent with the above discussion, the Commission orders the following:

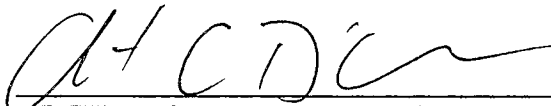
1. The COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program is extended until August 31, 2020.
2. Solix must not accept applications for the Program after August 31, 2020.
3. Each TDU, retail electric provider, and ERCOT must continue to comply with all applicable provisions of the Program as modified by the Commission's second order issued on April 17, 2020 and this Order.
4. The Commission may supplement and modify the Program or the requirements of this Order by a subsequent order.
5. On or before December 1, 2020, each TDU and REP must file a final Program report on a form approved by the Commission in Project No. 50703, *Reports on the COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program*.
6. Seven days before the date on which a TDU estimates that its revenues under the Rider ERP are equal to, or approximately equal to, its Program expenses, the TDU must make a filing to that effect. The filing must include a tariff rider cancellation bearing a date certain for the rider cancellation and the rider will automatically terminate on that date certain without further action by the TDU, the Commission, or Commission Staff. Concurrently with this filing, the TDU must notify REPs of the rider cancellation date by an ERCOT market notice.
7. The Commission will audit and reconcile Program reimbursements and collections.
8. Each TDU may book a regulatory asset or regulatory liability, as applicable, for any final under- or over-collection of expenses incurred in connection with the Program. Each TDU may seek recovery of any regulatory asset related to the Program in the TDU's next distribution cost recovery factor case or its next base-rate case.

Signed at Austin, Texas the 16th day of July 2020.

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS**



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